

--- “Series of 1889” - 50 Cigarettes - 132 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- Recess Printed in BLACK ink - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---

The **Budget of 1889** increased the tax to \$1.50 per thousand for cigarettes weighing less than 3 pounds per thousand, and to \$ 6.00 per thousand for cigarettes weighing over 3 pounds per thousand. These “Series of 1889” strip stamps were produced for use on the flat fifty tin of cigarettes.

John McKay records that 44,900 copies of “50 Black Ribbon Cigarettes” *recess printed* by hand press were ‘delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886 -1892).

John McKay further records that 100,000 copies of “50 Black Cigarettes” *recess printed* by hand press were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892 -1897), and that an additional 10,000 copies were supplied under the **5th ABN Contract Supplement** (1897-1898).



★RC-112 - 50 cigarettes, perforated 12



★RC-112 CP - 50 cigarettes, perforated 12, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters



★RC-112 PP CP - 50 cigarettes, a plate proof on light cardboard, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters



★RC-113 - 50 cigarettes, coarse roulette [7]

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